World Bank loan for establishment of additional schools

†1765. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made target to establish additional schools in the country under National Secondary Education Campaign;

(b) if so, the number of additional schools targeted to be established at the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) the percentage of children in the country getting admission in secondary schools after the achievement of the target;

(d) whether it is a fact that an offer has been made by World Bank to provide economic loan to assist the scheme; and

(e) if so, the amount which is proposed in the offer?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A new Centrally sponsored scheme called "Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)" has been launched with enhancement of access to secondary education as one of its objectives. The target for the number of additional schools under the scheme is about 11000. However, the number of additional schools to be established would depend on the school mapping exercise. It is targeted to achieve a gross enrolment ratio of 75% at secondary stage (classes IX-X) within 5 years of implementing the scheme.

(d) and (e) This Ministry has sought assistance to the tune of US$ 500 million from the World Bank as programmatic support for RMSA.

Requirement of funds for implementation of Right to Education Act

1766. SHRI JABIR HUSAIN:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether for implementation of Right to Education Act over next five years, Centre and States have worked out the funds required to be a whopping Rs. 1.78 lakh crores;

(b) whether this new law will come in force from next academic year and since education is now a Fundamental Right, whether it is mandatory on part of Government to provide what is demanded;

(c) if so, the measures on which this amount will be required and whether funds have been allotted for the purpose; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.